GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Health, Medical & Family Welfare Department – Nursing Education – Maternal Health Programme – Midwifery Initiative in the state – Scope of work of Midwifery Educators/Midwives – Uniform, Roles and Responsibilities – Orders - Issued.

HEALTH MEDICAL AND FAMILY WELFARE (E2) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 84 **Dated: 24-07-2025**
Read the following:

1. G.O. Ms.No.205, HM&FW (E2) Department, Dt. 11.08.2022.
2. Scope of Practice of Midwives Guidelines – June 2021 by MoHFW, Govt. of India
3. From the Commissioner Health & Family Welfare, A.P., Managalagiri, Guntur District e-file computer No.987556

ORDER:

In the G.O. 1st read above, orders were issued permitting the Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare to roll out of the Midwifery Guidelines in the State to introduce the concept of Midwifery Led Care Units (MLCUs) managed by Nurse Practitioners in Midwifery (NPM) at Medical Colleges (Teaching Hospitals), District Hospitals, FRUs and CHCs and also issued the course rules and regulations for implementing Midwifery Initiative by introducing the concept of Midwifery Led Care Units (MLCUs) managed by Midwives at Teaching Hospitals, District Hospitals, Area Hospitals and CHCs wherein normal deliveries are handled by professional Midwives trained and complicated deliveries are handled by Specialist Doctors.

2. In the reference 3rd read above, the Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, A.P. has informed that the Government have plans to train 1246 Midwives across the state and trained 60 Midwives for 18 months in 'Nurse Practitioner in Midwifery (NPM) at State Midwifery Training Institutes (SMTIs) at Guntur and Tirupati as per the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM) standards and are providing the Midwifery services across the state. In addition, 31 Midwifery Educators (MEs) are trained at National Midwifery Training Institutes at Hyderabad and Bangalore and are placed at six SMTIs in Andhra Pradesh taking this initiative forward, the Government is planning to initiate Midwifery training at four more SMTIs at Government College of Nursing, Srikakulam, Nellore, Kakinada and Kurnool. Post training all Midwives will be placed back to their original places of posting for providing Midwifery services. Hence, he has requested the Government to define scope

of work, uniform, roles and responsibilities of the midwives/midwifery educators to institutionalise the midwifery services at all institutions where midwives will be working.

3. Government, after careful examination of proposal, hereby permit the Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Director of Secondary Health and Director of Medical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada to instruct all the Medical Superintendents of Government General Hospitals, Secondary Health facilities and PHC Medical Officers to institutionalise the Midwifery services by allotting Midwives/Midwifery Educators at their respective institutions and directed to implement the following instructions scrupulously:

(i) Uniform:

Midwifery Educators : Blue Colour pant and shirt
Midwives :Grape wine colour pant and shirt

(ii) Wards to be posted **:** 1.Midwifery Out Patient Area/General Ante Natal CareOut Patient Area
2. Midwifery Led Care Unit/Labor Room including 1st stage waiting room
3. Post Natal Ward

(iii) Brief Roles and Responsibilities*:

Roles and Responsibilities of Midwifery educators at SMTI:

- The Midwifery Educator (ME) has a dual role of imparting training to the NPMs at State Midwifery training institutes in addition to providing of Midwifery services at the affiliated clinical site.
- To setup classrooms, skill labs, library and computer lab designated for the Midwifery training institute
- To work in co-ordination with Principal and administration team of SMTI for documentation, keeping track of budgets, procurement, maintaining the academic calendar, organising visits and monthly review meetings with the stakeholders
- The ME has the responsibility to educate and train NPM students as per the INC curriculum
- To prepare resource materials such as the Lesson plans, AV aids, master and clinical rota including any INC/SNMC related requirements
- They also need to set up Midwifery OPD, MLCU and Childbirth education classes at the clinical site and ensure continuity of Midwifery services.
- Training candidates alongside performing clinical practice themselves.

- Mentor and handhold the NPMs during their clinical practice sessions.

Roles and Responsibilities of Midwifery Educators/Midwives at Clinical Sites:

1.Midwifery OP: History taking, Physical assessment and Childbirth Education Classes on nutritional advice, antenatal exercises demonstration as per gestational weeks, perineal massage from 35 weeks including birth planning and preparedness. Childbirth classes content as per gestation age appended as **Annexure 1.**

2.Midwifery Led Care Unit/Labor Room: Care and support of Low-Risk mother in labor by Monitoring the progress of labor Respectful care to all women in normal labor - alternate birthing positions, birth companion (preferably husband if separate cabin for each woman in labor), non-pharmacological pain relief measures, mobility and positive birth environment.

- Supporting physiological birthing processes
- Perform only indicated episiotomy, identify perineal tears and suturing 1st and 2nd degree tear only
- Identify complications during labour, childbirth and the immediate postpartum period, and provide immediate management and escalation to specialist doctor
- Management of the third stage of labour (Physiological/Active)
- Provide Immediate essential newborn care and perform Neonatal resuscitation when indicated.

3.Post Natal Ward:

- Provide Postnatal care which focuses on continuing health assessment of women and infant, health education, intake of IFA & Calcium, support for breastfeeding and counselling & provision of family planning services.
- Support maternal and infant bonding and healthy child-rearing practices.
- Identify postpartum complications in the women and newborn and escalate
- Provide anticipatory guidance to the woman and her family on prompt recognition of danger signs in both the mother and baby and seek immediate care.

***** Detailed Roles and Responsibilities of the midwives are mentioned in **Annexure 2.**

- instruct all Medical Superintendents, Obstetric Specialists to encourage midwifery educators/midwives to provide midwifery services and Nursing Superintendents/Head Nurses and post them accordingly and strictly utilise services of Midwifery Educators/Midwives in the above-mentioned areas only and the detailed procedural competencies & the list of maternal and newborn conditions that midwives perform independently or in collaboration with specialist mentioned in **Annexure 3 (a) & 3 (b),** respectively.

5. The Commissioner of Health and Family Welfare, Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri, Guntur District, Director of Secondary Health and Director of Medical Education, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada shall take further necessary action to institutionalise midwifery services for further improving the maternal and neonatal outcomes in the state.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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All the Medical Officers of Primary Health Centres (**through** Director of Public Health and Family Welfare, A.P., Vijayawada)
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